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For: DEVICE FOR LOCKING THE STEERING SHAFT OF A MOTOR
VEHICLE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith, except that (1) a copy of any U.S. patent application identified herein or any patent, publication or other information listed herein cited or submitted in a prior application relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 and identified below, is not submitted herewith, and (2) a copy of any U.S. patent or published patent application identified herein is not submitted herewith, if this application was filed or entered the U.S. national stage on or after June 30, 2003 (or if applicable, this international application entered the U.S. national stage on or after June 30, 2003).

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International Search Report dated June 29, 2004 established in International Patent Application PCT/EP2004/004219, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
(NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS ONLY)**

All of the documents listed on the appended PTO-1449 form are listed in the International Search Report established in PCT/EP2004/004219 of which this application is the U.S. national stage. A copy of the Search Report is appended hereto.

The relevancy of DE 100 22 830; DE 101 33 408 and U.S. 4,643,009 also is evident from the discussion of these documents in the introductory part of the specification of this application (pages 2 and 3).

STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

English language translations of non-English language documents are not available to Applicants' attorney apart from English language abstracts that may accompany the documents or corresponding English language documents identified herein.

STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION

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STATEMENT OF TIMELINESS

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits received by Applicant in the above-identified application.

RELATED U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

The examiner's attention is drawn to the following U.S. Patent Applications that are related to the present application:

Serial No. 10/548,321 filed September 7, 2005.

Serial No. 10/548,312 filed September 7, 2005.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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U.S. Patent Documents

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	4,643,009	02/17/1987	Hidekazu SATO			
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Foreign Patent Documents

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						Yes	No
	DE 100 22 830	11/15/2001	GERMANY				X
	DE 101 33 408	05/02/2002	GERMANY				X
	WO 02/090152	11/14/2002	WIPO				X

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